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U. D. C. Officers

Following are the names of the next officers of the Daughters of the Confederacy elected in Jacksonville Jan. 8:

President, Mrs. John W. Tench of Gainesville.

First vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Cooley of Jacksonville.

Second vice-president, Mrs. Sheldon Stringer of Brooksville.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. G. Moyers of Fort White.

Recording secretary Mrs. Dan Morgan Smith of Ocala.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. G. Butt of Orlando.

Registrar, Mrs. W. L. Parramore of Madison.

The historian, Mrs. Horatio Davis of Gainesville, having been elected at the last annual meeting for two years, held her place without re-election.

Mrs. John M. Taylor of Gainesville was elected to the office of corresponding secretary, but resigned the following day and Mrs. S. G. Moyers of Fort White was appointed in her place. The United Daughters of the Confederacy will next meet in annual convention in Sanford on the last Wednesday in January of 1901.

Mrs. Moyers will be remembered by her host of friends in Ocala as Miss Bertie Badger. Mrs. John M. Taylor is the wife of one of the most successful and genial commercial tourists that ever swung a grip. He is saturated with Marion county vim.

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THE COUNTY TEACHERS

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struction from one and all of them.

He said to be ambitious; advance. Let the third grade certificate holder strive for the second, and so on. Let our failures urge us to renewed efforts and to success.

He closed by reciting an inspiring poem from Longfellow.

President Russell remarked that Mr. Gary had said it so well that all responded an amen.

Miss Callie Rickards of the Pine school then read a well considered paper on "Should a word be pronounced by a pupil before and after being spelled."

She emphatically said yes, and gave a dozen of the best of reasons why time should be taken to do this.

It was largely a technical paper, full of Noah Webster wisdom and application and one difficult to present in a hurried sketch like this.

She spoke of so many words of different nations being assimilated into our language, yet retaining their foreign pronunciation. She resented this, saying, "let us be Americans," but commended uniformity.

Superintendent Carn said he wished the question discussed, as he noted in his visits to schools a variety of methods on this matter. Many teachers did not compel their pupils to pronounce words before and after spelling them.

Professor Green of Bellevue was called on and said that if he had time in his school room every word should be properly pronounced before and after spelling. He said he had exercises along this line, making a pupil lead a class, and for proficiency to give merit marks, and if the teacher made a mistake to call him down, too.

President Russell thought it all important that the pupil should understand what he pronounced, for those who knew the meaning of words could spell them best.

At this juncture there was a break in the program, as neither Mr. Brinson of Orange Lake nor W. Wesley Smith of Moss Bluff had shown up.

President Russell didn't think Smith could take the scriptural excuse; because he had taken him a wife, he couldn't excuse his absence.

Professor Green wished to know if Russell censured Smith for finding the "missing rib." Laughter. "Oh, no," said Russell.

Professor Kagy of Fantville was called on to talk further on Miss Rickards' theme, when Brinson and Smith came in, and Professor Brinson read a well digested paper on "To what extent should definitions be given in spelling lessons."

As we shall publish this paper in our next issue, we pass on to Mr. Smith, who made an admirable talk on "To what extent should oral and written spelling be taught." Spelling, he said, was to enlarge the child's fund of knowledge. To what extent should these exercises continue? To the extent of all the time available. There should be exactness in expression, largest scope in the meaning of words. Good business men and also professional men demand as clerks or stenographers, the best of spellers, no matter how poor they are at it themselves. Get pupils to spell by analysis.

His description of a school scene in the ten or fifteen minutes before adjournment in the evening was a vivid, realistic picture and highly appreciated. He said that both oral and

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written lessons were good, but the latter method was the best. If a teacher has not learned the value of a written spelling lesson, let him reform, repent and learn.

We can not do Mr. Smith justice in these notes. He had to be heard to be fully appreciated.

President Russell said the matter of Mr. Smith's subject was not so important to the young as to the older pupils.

Miss Irma Porter of the Ocala school gave excellent reasons why children should know the meaning of the words they spell. She also said that pupils who read newspapers have a better idea on comprehension than those who do not.

Mr. Brinson also made a few pertinent and pointed remarks on this all important question.

President Russell commended the ten or fifteen minutes quiet just before school closes. He said it was a great lesson.

Miss Cora Griffin, principal of the Anthony school, being absent, her subject—"Reading in the Primary Grades"—was passed, except as Miss Nellie Stevens, of the primary department of the Ocala school, was called on, and made several pertinent remarks; as did President Russell, who said he found no trouble to teach the higher classes but very difficult to teach children. Also remarks by Professor Green.

The last subject, "Why should we have Nature study in our school," was admirably treated by Miss Mattie Layne, of the Fort King school, but as her essay will appear in these columns, it can and will speak for itself.

It was highly spoken of by President Russell and Superintendent Carn, the latter saying that it was a new study here.

Miss Stevens said if teachers would write to the Bureau of Information, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., they could get valuable treatises on this new and important work.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, March 10.

A number of teachers were asked to call for their new dictionaries and then the session adjourned.

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